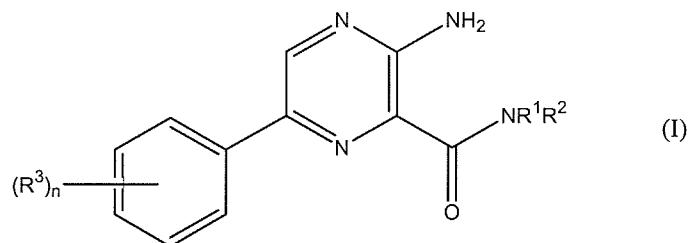


Amendments to the claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A compound of formula (I):



or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or hydrate thereof where:

R¹ is H;

R² is a substituted or unsubstituted (C₆-C₈)alkyl, (C₃-C₉)cycloalkyl, (C₃-C₉)cycloalkyl(C₁-C₈)alkyl, (C₃-C₉)aryl, (C₃-C₉)aryl(C₁-C₈)alkyl, (C₃-C₉)heteroaryl, (C₃-C₉)heteroaryl(C₁-C₈)alkyl, (C₆-C₈)alcohol, (C₆-C₈)hydroxylalkyl, (C₃-C₉)heterocyclyl, (C₃-C₉)heterocyclyl(C₁-C₈)alkyl, (C₁-C₈)alkyl(C₃-C₉)aryl, (C₁-C₈)alkylamine, (C₁-C₈)alkylamide; or R¹ and R² taken together with the nitrogen to which they are attached form a substituted or unsubstituted (C₃-C₉)heterocyclyl or heteroaryl;

R³ is independently selected from the group consisting of H, (C₁-C₈)alkyl, halo, (C₁-C₈)alkoxy, (C₁-C₈)alkyl-SO₂-, cyano, and (C₁-C₈)alkylC(=O)-;

n is an integer from 0-5;

wherein “substituted” refers to one or more substitutions with a substituent selected from the group consisting of cycloalkyl, heterocyclyl, hydroxylalkyl, benzyl, carbonyl, halo, haloalkyl, perfluoroalkyl, perfluoroalkoxy, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, hydroxy, oxo, mercapto, alkylthio, alkoxy, -O-(C₁-C₆)alkyl, aryl or heteroaryl, aryloxy or heteroaryloxy, aralkyl or heteroaralkyl, aralkoxy or heteroaralkoxy, HO-(C=O)-, amido, amino, alkyl- and dialkylamino, cyano, nitro, carbamoyl,

alkylcarbonyl, alkoxy carbonyl, alkylaminocarbonyl, dialkylaminocarbonyl, arylcarbonyl, aryloxycarbonyl, alkylsulfonyl, and arylsulfonyl;

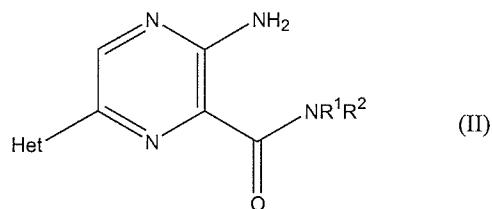
with the proviso that the compound is not 3-amino-6-phenyl-pyrazine-2-carboxylic acid butylamide or 3-amino-6-phenyl-pyrazine-2-carboxylic acid (2-hydroxy-ethyl)-amide.

Claim 2 (original): A compound of claim 1, wherein R³ is H, bromo, chloro, cyano, methoxy, (C₁-C₈)alkyl-SO₂-, or (C₁-C₈)alkylC(=O)-.

Claim 3 (original): A compound of claim 1, wherein n is 0-4.

Claim 4 (original): A compound of claim 3, wherein n is 0-1.

Claim 5 (withdrawn): A compound of formula (II):



or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or hydrate thereof where:

R¹ is H;

R² is a substituted or unsubstituted (C₆-C₈)alkyl, (C₃-C₉)cycloalkyl, (C₃-C₉)cycloalkyl(C₁-C₈)alkyl, (C₃-C₉)aryl, (C₃-C₉)aryl(C₁-C₈)alkyl, (C₃-C₉)heteroaryl, (C₃-C₉)heteroaryl(C₁-C₈)alkyl, (C₆-C₈)alcohol, (C₁-C₈)hydroxylalkyl, (C₃-C₉)heterocyclyl, (C₃-C₉)heterocyclyl(C₁-C₈)alkyl, (C₁-C₈)alkyl(C₃-C₉)aryl, (C₁-C₈)alkylamine, (C₁-C₈)alkylamide; or R¹ and R² taken together with the nitrogen to which they are attached form a substituted or unsubstituted (C₃-C₉)heterocyclyl or heteroaryl;

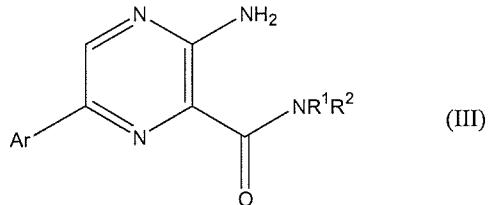
Het is a substituted or unsubstituted heterocyclyl or heteroaryl group containing at least one heteroatom selected from N, O and S;

wherein “substituted” refers to one or more substitutions with a substituent selected from the group consisting of cycloalkyl, heterocyclyl, hydroxyalkyl, benzyl, carbonyl, halo, haloalkyl, perfluoroalkyl, perfluoroalkoxy, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, hydroxy, oxo, mercapto, alkylthio, alkoxy, -O-(C₁-C₆)alkyl, aryl or heteroaryl, aryloxy or heteroaryloxy, aralkyl or heteroaralkyl, aralkoxy or heteroaralkoxy, HO-(C=O)-, amido, amino, alkyl- and dialkylamino, cyano, nitro, carbamoyl, alkylcarbonyl, alkoxy carbonyl, alkylaminocarbonyl, dialkylaminocarbonyl, arylcarbonyl, aryloxycarbonyl, alkylsulfonyl, and arylsulfonyl.

Claim 6 (withdrawn): A compound of claim 5, wherein Het is a substituted or unsubstituted (C₅-C₁₀)heterocyclyl or heteroaryl group containing at least one heteroatom selected from N, O and S.

Claim 7 (withdrawn): A compound of claim 6, wherein Het is a substituted or unsubstituted furanyl, thienyl, pyridyl, or benzofuranyl group.

Claim 8 (withdrawn): A compound of formula (III):



or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or hydrate thereof where:

R¹ is H;

R² is a substituted or unsubstituted (C₁-C₈)alcohol;

Ar is a substituted or unsubstituted (C₃-C₉)aryl group;

wherein “substituted” refers to one or more substitutions with a substituent selected from the group consisting of cycloalkyl, heterocyclyl, hydroxyalkyl, benzyl, carbonyl, halo, haloalkyl, perfluoroalkyl, perfluoroalkoxy, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, hydroxy, oxo, mercapto, alkylthio, alkoxy, -O-(C₁-C₆)alkyl, aryl or heteroaryl, aryloxy or heteroaryloxy, aralkyl or heteroaralkyl, aralkoxy or heteroaralkoxy, HO-(C=O)-, amido, amino, alkyl- and dialkylamino, cyano, nitro, carbamoyl, alkylcarbonyl, alkoxy carbonyl, alkylaminocarbonyl, dialkylaminocarbonyl, arylcarbonyl, aryloxycarbonyl, alkylsulfonyl, and arylsulfonyl.

heteroaralkoxy, HO-(C=O)-, ester, amido, ether, amino, alkyl- and dialkylamino, cyano, nitro, carbamoyl, alkylcarbonyl, alkoxy carbonyl, alkylaminocarbonyl, dialkylaminocarbonyl, arylcarbonyl, aryloxycarbonyl, alkylsulfonyl, and arylsulfonyl;
with the proviso that the compound is not 3-amino-6-phenyl-pyrazine-2-carboxylic acid butylamide or 3-amino-6-phenyl-pyrazine-2-carboxylic acid (2-hydroxy-ethyl)-amide.

Claim 9 (withdrawn): A compound of claim 8, wherein R² is a substituted or unsubstituted (C₁-C₅)alcohol.

Claim 10 (withdrawn): A compound of claim 9, wherein R² is a substituted or unsubstituted (C₃-C₅)alcohol.

Claim 11 (withdrawn): A compound of claim 8, wherein Ar is a substituted or unsubstituted naphthyl group.

Claim 12 (withdrawn): A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound of any one of claims 1-11 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

Claim 13 (withdrawn): A method of preventing or treating a TGF-related disease state in a mammal (animal or human) comprising the step of administering a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of any one of claims 1-11 to the animal or human suffering from the TGF-related disease state.

Claim 14 (withdrawn): A method of claim 13, wherein said TGF-related disease state is selected from the group consisting of cancer, glomerulonephritis, diabetic nephropathy, hepatic fibrosis, pulmonary fibrosis, intimal hyperplasia and restenosis, scleroderma, and dermal scarring.

Claim 15 (currently amended): A compound of claim 1 wherein R² is a substituted or unsubstituted (C₁-C₈)alkyl(C₃-C₉)aryl;

R^3 is independently selected from the group consisting of H, $(C_1-C_8)alkyl$, halo, $(C_1-C_8)alkoxy$, $(C_1-C_8)alkyl-SO_2-$, cyano, and $(C_1-C_8)alkylC(=O)-$; and

n is 0-4;

wherein “substituted” refers to one or more substitutions with a substituent selected from the group consisting of cycloalkyl, heterocyclyl, hydroxyalkyl, benzyl, carbonyl, halo, haloalkyl, perfluoroalkyl, perfluoroalkoxy, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, hydroxy, oxo, mercapto, alkylthio, alkoxy, -O-(C₁-C₆)alkyl, aryl or heteroaryl, aryloxy or heteroaryloxy, aralkyl or heteroaralkyl, aralkoxy or heteroaralkoxy, HO-(C=O)-, amido, amino, alkyl- and dialkylamino, cyano, nitro, carbamoyl, alkylcarbonyl, alkoxycarbonyl, alkylaminocarbonyl, dialkylaminocarbonyl, arylcarbonyl, aryloxycarbonyl, alkylsulfonyl, and arylsulfonyl.

Claim 16 (previously presented): A compound of claim 15, where R^3 is independently selected from the group consisting of H, or bromo, chloro, and methoxy.

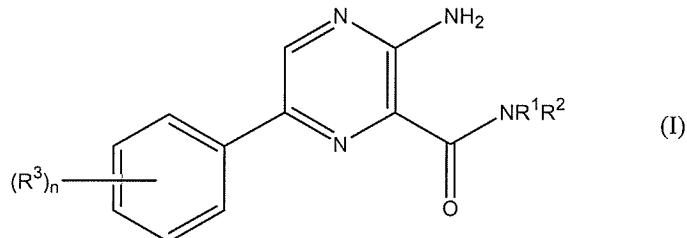
Claim 17 (currently amended): A compound of claim 16 wherein n=0 and R^2 is an unsubstituted $(C_1-C_8)alkyl(C_3-C_9)aryl$;

wherein “substituted” refers to one or more substitutions with a substituent selected from the group consisting of cycloalkyl, heterocyclyl, hydroxyalkyl, benzyl, carbonyl, halo, haloalkyl, perfluoroalkyl, perfluoroalkoxy, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, hydroxy, oxo, mercapto, alkylthio, alkoxy, -O-(C₁-C₆)alkyl, aryl or heteroaryl, aryloxy or heteroaryloxy, aralkyl or heteroaralkyl, aralkoxy or heteroaralkoxy, HO-(C=O)-, amido, amino, alkyl- and dialkylamino, cyano, nitro, carbamoyl, alkylcarbonyl, alkoxycarbonyl, alkylaminocarbonyl, dialkylaminocarbonyl, arylcarbonyl, aryloxycarbonyl, alkylsulfonyl, and arylsulfonyl.

Claim 18 (previously presented): A compound of claim 17 wherein said $(C_1-C_8)alkyl(C_3-C_9)aryl$ is CH_2 phenyl.

Claim 19 (previously presented): The compound 3-amino-6-phenyl-pyrazine-2-carboxylic acid benzylamide.

Claim 20 (currently amended): A compound of formula (I):



or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt or hydrate thereof where:

R^1 is H;

R^2 is a substituted or unsubstituted (C_6 - C_8)alkyl, (C_3 - C_9)cycloalkyl, (C_3 - C_9)cycloalkyl(C_1 - C_8)alkyl, (C_3 - C_9)aryl, (C_3 - C_9)aryl(C_1 - C_8)alkyl, (C_3 - C_9)heteroaryl, (C_3 - C_9)heteroaryl(C_1 - C_8)alkyl, (C_6 - C_8)alcohol, (C_1 - C_8)hydroxylalkyl, (C_3 - C_9)heterocyclyl, (C_3 - C_9)heterocyclyl(C_1 - C_8)alkyl, (C_1 - C_8)alkyl(C_3 - C_9)aryl, (C_1 - C_8)alkylamine, (C_1 - C_8)alkylamide; or R^1 and R^2 taken together with the nitrogen to which they are attached form a substituted or unsubstituted (C_3 - C_9)heterocyclyl or heteroaryl;

R^3 is independently selected from the group consisting of (C_1 - C_8)alkyl, halo, (C_1 - C_8)alkoxy, (C_1 - C_8)alkyl-SO₂-, cyano, and (C_1 - C_8)alkylC(=O)-;

n is an integer from 1-5;

wherein "substituted" refers to one or more substitutions with a substituent selected from the group consisting of cycloalkyl, heterocyclyl, hydroxylalkyl, benzyl, carbonyl, halo, haloalkyl, perfluoroalkyl, perfluoroalkoxy, alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, hydroxy, oxo, mercapto, alkylthio, alkoxy, -O-(C_1 - C_6)alkyl, aryl or heteroaryl, aryloxy or heteroaryloxy, aralkyl or heteroaralkyl, aralkoxy or heteroaralkoxy, HO-(C=O)-, amido, amino, alkyl- and dialkylamino, cyano, nitro, carbamoyl, alkylcarbonyl, alkoxycarbonyl, alkylaminocarbonyl, dialkylaminocarbonyl, arylcarbonyl, aryloxycarbonyl, alkylsulfonyl, and arylsulfonyl;

with the proviso that the compound is not 3-amino-6-phenyl-pyrazine-2-carboxylic acid butylamide or 3-amino-6-phenyl-pyrazine-2-carboxylic acid (2-hydroxy-ethyl)-amide.